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Merry Christmas

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Presidents Message



What a great host and fabulous facility we were privileged to take part in at Steve Naylor's. Lots of compliments on what he has done with the course with plans for still more. Steve and his family provided homemade chips, salsa, beans, and rice. We also served chile verde and carne asada. Great meal

and fellowship after a fun ride. After lunch we had the election, results will be in this issue. Welcome to the new members and assoiate members who joined at the ride.

What a different year this has been and continues to be. Our annual Christmas dinner has been postponed til things clear up a bit maybe in the spring. So far the Rendevous in March is still a go.

With all the uncertainty Carol and I hope all had a great Thanksgiving and may you have a fantastic Christmas.

Thanks to all who continue to participate and those of you who continue to be part of our unit.

Don't forget if you would like to sponser a ride we would be glad to have your input.

Remember to stay in the saddle, the ground is hard,

Joe Kaminski

President

CONTEST TIME

Find the Hidden Hoof Print! 

First person to find the hidden hoof print in this newsletter and email Jim Laber @ jim@visaliaidea.com

Will Get A Free
BCHCSJSU Long Sleeve Color T-Shirt

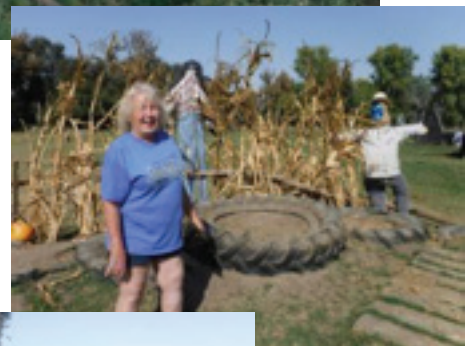
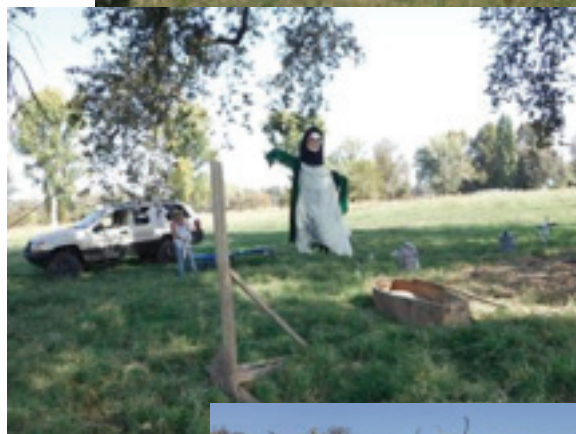
GOOD LUCK!

HAUNTED HORSEBACK HALLOWEEN



Another local event held at the January Ranch in Sanger, California. Ever year they hold a Haunted Halloween Trail Obstacle and a ride. It is always a great event and something fun to do with your mount. This year we had three of our members Muriel Holland, Pat Peverill and Duane Peverill participate in the event. To Pat and Duane the encounter with Muriel was not as usual. Yes, Muriel was one of the obstacle judges and she showed no mercy when it came to judging. It is always great to see our members out helping in the horse community. Thank you Muriel! Also the January Ranch took in horse evacuees from the Creek Fire. THANK YOU Tracy. There were 8 obstacles and each required a special skill of you and your mount. Each was decorated with some outstanding Halloween images. Some were pretty darn scary for your mount. Several of the participants had small rodeos when came to maneuvering the obstacle. Everyone made it through the day without any major wrecks. There were two categories, Novice and Open. A special category was created for the younger riders. Tracy will also take you on special rides down the river by special request. As a unit we should all try and help our local establishments and participate in their events. Pat riding Georgette, Duane riding Annabelle (mules) had a very good day. Pat placed first, Duane placed second with Pat scoring only one point more than Duane. So there is still peace within our house. We are hoping that 2021 is going to be a better riding and event year. We hope that we will not have any major forest fires and Covid-19 will be in some kind of control. Please keep updated on our unit events and non unit events via our web page. Bchcsjsu.org

Hope to see you on the trail. Stay safe!





San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting Oct. 6, 2020

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Ruth Cramer, Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle
Directors: Jim Laber, Sue Van Sickle, Doug Laber, Steve Naylon, Paige Stambach, Duane Peverill

Minutes review and approved: 1st Jim Laber, 2nd Sue

Correspondence: Big Meadows donation..

Committee reports:

Education:

Membership:

Newsletter: Articles due Oct. 20. Articles needed.

Public lands: E-bikes - Joe has responded twice with comments to BCHA and to BCHC.

Sunshine:

Shaver Lake: Cara to retrieve firepit. Ruth will contact toilet rental for removal for season.

OLD BUSINESS. 1. Big Meadows - open

2. Dave Stamey concert - may open ticket sales in Nov. Duane to look into canceling for this year. Paige to check on CVYR location for concert. Next board meeting is drop dead date for decisions.

3. Christmas Dinner - Sue still looking into Gilly Girls Barn.

4. 2020 Events - October General Meeting to be removed from calendar. Ruth working on insurance mix-up. Steve's ranch ride/election meeting ride drop dead date Nov. 9. Duane to blast.

5. Evacuation(horse)- Duane still willing to check into. Tabled until Jan.

6. Election - Our unit will vote yes on ballot put out by state. For SJSU - Paige will not be on our ballot. Willing to continue monitoring Facebook.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Bylaws state - S.D. bylaws were passed by state. We will incorporate them also to be in line with state. Also a change was made to have penalties for missing deadlines. Also adding youth policy (dues established for youth and young adult). BCHC-SJSU - would like to change number of directors for our club to a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8. Jim motioned. Second by Joe. Passed by board - to be on ballot in November.

2. Unit tools - tools can be used by club members. Some pack equipment available for donation to burned out victims.

3. Rendezvous - no meeting in Oct. For Rendezvous SJSU to provide dinner both Friday and Saturday nights.

Adjourn: 7:25 Joe 1st, Jim 2nd

2019-20 Calendar

Board Meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of the month. All members are welcome to attend. Board meetings start at 6:30 pm at the Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. (Bullard & Woodworth).

Calendar & Ride schedule is on-going, and new events and rides will be published when confirmed. Note: Dates and events are subject to change or cancellation; calling the contact person is recommended or checking www.bchcsjsu.org

2020

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| Aug 15 | Poker Ride Shaver Lake Fishing Camp access road. |
| Sept 11-13 | Diana Sorensen Memorial Ride |
| Oct | Shaver Ride TBD |
| October 8-12 | Coastal Mounted Unit MDO (non BCHC event) |
| October 21 | General Meeting |
| November 6-8 | Desert Ride/Starlight Ride |
| November 14 | Trail Trials Fun Day & Officers Elections/Steve Naylor's |
| December 12 | Christmas Dinner |

2021

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| Jan 9 | Ted Fischer Memorial Dave Stamey Dessert Concert |
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Is there any activity that you would like to sponsor? We are always looking to improve the club and making it fun for all members. Please submit your ideas, kaminskiclan@gmail.com. You may call 559.909 0505 and I will get back to you.

Joe Kaminski
President

Remember to check for any Unit updates at our Web Site:

www.bchcsjsu.org for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,

www.bchcalifornia.org for the State Web Site

The purpose of this publication is to keep its members in- formed on important issues that affect all horsemen and to inform the membership on up-coming events within the unit. The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the editor & authors and not necessarily shared by BCHC.

Dutch Oven Vegetable Beef Soup

This vegetable beef soup is hearty with a kick of flavor. Made with top sirloin and fresh and frozen vegetables, it's super easy to prepare and ready in just under two hours. There is nothing better than soup prepared in a Dutch oven!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 ½ pounds beef top sirloin, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 3 ribs celery, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 4 cups water
- 2 (14 ounce) cans beef broth
- 1 (14 ounce) can petite diced tomatoes
- 1 (14 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 2 potatoes, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 10 baby carrots, chopped
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 small bay leaves
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1 cup frozen green beans
- 2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce (such as Tabasco®)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Heat olive oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Saute beef in hot oil until completely browned, about 5 minutes. Remove browned beef with a slotted spoon to a plate, retaining beef drippings in the Dutch oven.
2. Saute celery and onion in the beef drippings until tender, about 5 minutes. Return beef to the Dutch oven; add water, beef broth, petite diced tomatoes, diced tomatoes, potatoes, baby carrots, garlic powder, and bay leaves.
3. Place a cover on the Dutch oven, bring the mixture to a boil, reduce heat to low, remove cover from the pot, and simmer the mixture until thick, about 45 minutes.
4. Stir frozen corn, frozen green beans, and hot pepper sauce into the mixture in the pot. Place cover on the pot and cook at a simmer until the corn and green beans are just cooked through, about 30 minutes.





Backcountry Horsemen of California San Joaquin Sierra Unit Election Results Nov. 14, 2020

We had 23 attendees for the election ride at Steve Naylons. All enjoyed the obstacle course set-up and the great meal served up by Joe & Carol. Below are the results of the election and by-law changes approved.

President Joe Kaminski

Vice President Ruth Cramer

Treasurer Gary Van Sickle

Secretary Carol Kaminski

New Directors

Marcee Hansen Sue Van Sickle Jan Mikkelson

Returning directors Jim Laber, Doug Laber Steve Naylon ,Debbie Mc Dougald

By-Law Change Passed

Change is stated in RED
Article II

Board of Directors

(1) The management of the affairs, property, business and control of policy is vested in the Board of Directors. The business affairs of the Unit shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, herein after referred to as the "Board", shall be composed of the Officers of the Unit (4), the immediate past President (1), and ~~eight (8)~~ **minimum of four (4) to maximum of eight (8)** elected Directors for a total of thirteen (13) voting members. A recommended minimum of four (4) Advisors may be appointed by the Board from the general membership having duties and privileges of sitting on the board with the exception of voting privileges. A quorum of eight (8) Board Members is necessary to conduct business. The Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting from the general membership by nominations from the floor together with recommendations and nominations from the Board for a term of two (2) years.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Speedy recovery for Patricia Peverill
on her surgery.

Happy 65th Anniversary to
Bud & Gerry Stambach



The Lighter Side

Q: What do race horses eat?

A: *Fast Food.*

Q: Why did the horse cross the road?

A: *Because somebody shouted hay!*

Q: What do you call a scary female horse?

A: *A nightmare!*

Q: What type of a computer does a horse like
to eat?

A: *A Macintosh*

Q: What do you call a horse that can't lose a race?

A: *Sherbet*

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Kristine Kassahn, Fresno

Renee Badertscher, Fresno

Amy Crawford and Terlinde Hannes, Brentwood

Cheryl Bernard, Lemoore

James & Nicky Henderson, Woodlake

Lupe Ibarra, Merced

Calli Shanley, Bakersfield

Susan Hamar, Prather

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David Stout, Auberry

James and Nicky Henderson, Woodlake

Kevin Meikle, Clovis

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WHAT THE HORSE SEES

HORSES ARE A PREY SPECIES

ANYTHING MOVING FAST

QUIET AND OR ABOVE THEM

IS A POTENTIAL PREDATOR

When meeting horses on the trail please stop beside the trail, on the low side if possible and, *most importantly,*

TALK TO THE RIDER

TRAIL SAFETY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

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If you have any photos send them to Duane at wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net

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Attention

Your SJS Unit Board of Directors would like to invite any of our members to attend the monthly Board meetings or General meetings. It is important all directors have the same opportunity to hear the information, concerns or suggestions you wish to share. We are volunteers doing our best to keep our Unit informed and working smoothly. Refer to the newsletter for the information regarding times and location of upcoming meetings.

Respectfully,
Joe Kaminski

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the travel site, how it works or what BCHC earns by participating in this great opportunity. Thank you for supporting and promoting BCHC Getaway!!

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LOST RIDER PLAN

*"If you don't know how to get where you are going, or how to return from where you came; YOU ARE LOST"
"Being lost can be a state of mind; denial and panic are your enemies."*

PLANNING

- ◆ Research the area using maps, guidebooks, and various online and computer-based resources, to become familiar with trails, streams, mountains, roads, and other features.
- ◆ Plan your route using US Geological Survey (USGS) topographical maps – especially if you are traveling long distances through wilderness - bring the map with you.
- ◆ Just prior to leaving obtain current locations for livestock water and safe/unsafe water crossings, trails to avoid, and any potential new hazards. Know the hazards in the area you are going into: animals that could be dangerous, edible and poisonous plants, etc.
- ◆ Get a current weather forecast for the area, and wear appropriate clothes and equipment. Bring additional clothing layers for unexpected weather.
- ◆ Leave your trip information, including the time you're planning to return, with a responsible person and/or with the local Ranger Station. Don't change the route without notifying your contacts.
- ◆ It's wise to travel with a friend and sign the register at trailheads.
- ◆ **BE PREPARED!**
- ◆ Communications can save a life. Carry a list of emergency and contact phone numbers for that area. Consider these options:
 - ◇ Bring a cell phone, you might be able to get a signal. Text messages and GPS phone signals can be picked up by satellite.
 - ◇ Consider a satellite phone in the backcountry, where there is often no cell service.
 - ◇ Stay in touch with others in your group using FRS or GMRS 2-way radios.
 - ◇ If venturing into a remote area, consider renting a PLB (Personal Locator Beacon), which allows you to activate a satellite-based distress signal to send help.
- ◆ Accidents, injury, and illness may need to be addressed. Consider, at minimum:
 - ◇ First Aid or Wilderness First Aid training.
 - ◇ Basic survival training, such as building a shelter.
- ◆ Are the **CHILDREN** in the group prepared?
 - ◇ Provide children with camp and trail safety instructions, including what to do if lost. (Lost is an exception where they ARE allowed to talk with a stranger.) Provide appropriate gear, with training on use.
 - ◇ Consider participating in the **Hug-A-Tree** program, providing training for children lost in the wilderness. www.hugatree.com

BASIC SURVIVAL!

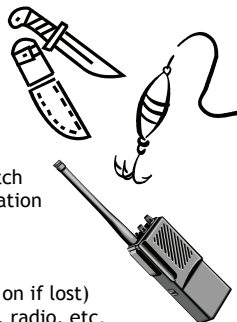
Consider carrying basic survival items on you, not your horse. Lightweight essential items can fit in a small waist pack, be attached to your belt, etc. Don't leave camp without them, even for a short walk!

Child waist pack (minimum):

1. Water
2. Clean, bright color bandana (dust blocker, scarf, bandage or sling, washing, signal flag, etc.)
3. Pack of gum, hard candy, energy bar (replenish as needed)
4. 2 trash bags (use as emergency rain gear or groundsheet)
5. A plastic whistle (three regular repeated tones means help)
6. Pocket size emergency blanket (great for shelter, warmth or light-reflecting signal)
7. Small palm size flash light (with fresh batteries)
8. Chemical light stick(s)
9. 2-way radio (with fresh batteries)

Adult waist pack (add to the above):

1. Compass (and map of the area)
2. Knife
3. Condoms (un-lubricated) for water storage
4. Water proof matches, flint and steel or a metal match
5. Water purification tablets or water bottle with filtration
6. Long strip of folded aluminum foil for cooking
7. Fishing kit (hooks, sinkers, and some line)
8. Small back-packing first aid kit (with instructions)
9. Cell phone and other communications devices (turn on if lost)
10. Spare fresh batteries for GPS, flashlight, cell phone, radio, etc.



REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR BECOMING LOST!

- ◆ Know how to use the topographical map and compass to locate yourself, and to navigate.
- ◆ Carry a GPS and know how to use it.
- ◆ Orient yourself to landmarks when you start your trip, and continue to orient yourself throughout the trip. Turn often to look at your back trail so a return on that trail will look familiar, particularly at trail junctions.
- ◆ Learn some tracking basics so you can follow your own shoe prints or horse's hoof prints on your own back trail.
- ◆ Stay on the trail.

LOST and SEPARATED FROM YOUR HORSE?

- ◆ **STOP!** (Stop, Think, Observe, Plan.)
- ◆ If injured, apply first aid. Clean off blood as much as possible. Bury anything with blood on it, away from your location.
- ◆ Don't go looking for your horse. **STAY** where you are!
- ◆ Take inventory of what you have for food, water, etc.
- ◆ Try to get your bearings using map and compass, GPS.
- ◆ Try to backtrack yourself to a familiar location. **STOP** if you lose your back trail or not sure of your route.
- ◆ Your biggest threats are probably dehydration and hypothermia. Find water (be prepared to purify/filter), and stay warm and dry.
- ◆ Water is a priority— you can go a longer time without food. Do not eat anything you are unsure of. Wild berries, fruit, mushrooms, etc., may make you sick.
- ◆ Try to stay as clean as you can. (Dirty clothing loses insulating properties. Good sanitary conditions will assist your body in fighting infections from cuts.)
- ◆ **Help rescuers find you!**
 - ◇ **Stay put** after you find water and shelter. If you keep moving, you will be harder to find.
 - ◇ Gather wood and start a small fire (use extreme caution in the dry season.)
 - ◇ **Be visible.** Find an open space, make a sign of wood 'SOS' or 'HELP'. Spread out the reflective emergency blanket and secure the corners.
 - ◇ If circumstances **force** you to move, leave obvious **CLUES** such as frequent clear footprints, directional arrow made of rock or sticks, a message with name, date and time, break some branches along the trail (particularly at an intersection), etc.
 - ◇ **Stay on the trail**, since searchers will usually search trails first, or others may be traveling that trail who can provide help.
 - ◇ **Make noise**—use your whistle (3 long blows) —to help rescuers locate you. Listen for voices calling, helicopters, vehicles, etc.

LOST and YOUR HORSE IS STILL WITH YOU? (Do all of the above, plus):

- ◆ Stay calm. Your panic can panic your horse.
- ◆ Injured horse? Apply equine first aid.
- ◆ If you turn your horse and start on your back trail, the horse may instinctively return to the camp or trailer area. Mark the trail as you go. While riding, look ahead 20-40 feet to try and spot your own back trail. If the route doesn't look familiar soon, **STOP**.
- ◆ Secure your horse.
- ◆ Find food and water for your horse, after you have taken care of yourself.
- ◆ Pay attention to your horse. His behavior may tell you if someone is nearby before you hear or see them, or locate a water source.

A Rider is Overdue!

STOP! THINK!

Be part of the SOLUTION, not part of the Problem!

- ◆ **Stay calm, get organized, and HAVE A PLAN before you act!** Someone needs to take charge. Perhaps the Trail Boss? Does anyone there have training as a Search Manager? Your objective is to help, not inadvertently cause problems. Do NOT simply dash off to start searching. Assess the situation. Plan!
- ◆ **Attempt to Communicate!** Can you reach that overdue person by cell phone, 2-way radio, etc., to determine status? If you yell, blow a whistle, and try to draw attention to your location, is there a response? If at a vehicle, try honking the horn periodically to act as an audible guide back to that location.
- ◆ **Assess the Situation!** If communications efforts fail, information must be gathered and assessed before any search is planned or performed by the riding group or by Search and Rescue (SAR) professionals.
 - ◇ **Who, What, When, Where?** When and where was the person last seen, and what was the direction of travel? What was the destination, by what route? When was this person due back? How long would it take this person to ride ... or hike if dismounted ... to the most likely destination if there are problems? How prepared and experienced is this person, and what survival gear is carried? Are horse and rider experienced in this terrain? What else might be pertinent?
 - ◇ Is there anything to suggest a *life threatening situation* to create a high level of urgency? Are there any known major health issues that require medicine ... and where is the medicine? Are there potential problems based on the *current* weather forecast, or new hazards in the vicinity?
 - ◇ Document known information for easy reference when reporting to local authorities, including name, age, description, and any available emergency contact information. It may also be advantageous to describe the missing rider's vehicle and location, or describe the horse and other livestock.
- ◆ **Protect Clues!** Trained searchers look for **CLUES**. **Stay away** from all areas where experienced trackers might find that person's shoe print, the horse's hoof print, etc. If a search dog is available, is there an item (clothing, sleeping bag, etc.) that would carry that specific person's scent? **DO NOT TOUCH**, simply know where it is for SAR personnel to collect.
- ◆ **Report the Incident!** *This is a great time to have emergency communication capabilities, like a satellite phone.* If necessary, travel to call the county Sheriff's department and report the overdue person. (Better to alert the authorities now, and cancel response later if the person is found safe!) Provide concise information. Use USGS map location names and latitude-longitude when available. Provide your call-back number. Be prepared to meet responding agency or SAR personnel at a designated location.

To Search, or Not to Search? Every situation is different!

A critical concern is the potential destruction of **CLUES**. If valuable clues are destroyed by untrained searchers, this can seriously handicap the SAR professionals later. If the decision is to search anyway, understanding the problems this action is likely to create, minimize the damage by minimizing the number of untrained searchers involved.

Limit to people with some tracking experience. **Do NOT allow uncontrolled or mass searching!**

- ◆ **Assess available resources.** How many people are there, available to search, appropriately equipped and physically capable? Does anyone there have SAR training, or substantial tracking experience, or training in protecting **CLUES**? In case of injury, what medical supplies are available? What is the highest level of medical training present? Is anyone there trained to perform mounted rescue or evacuation using a saddled horse or mule? What survival supplies, food, water, etc., are available if people from the group go search? What methods of communication are available within the group, and with outside resources? What other issues should be addressed?
- ◆ **Would it make more sense to wait for trained searchers, or quickly perform your own untrained search?** Reach logical, safe, and common sense decisions regarding performing any initial search. Consider the known degree of urgency (injury not assumed), capabilities and preparedness of the overdue person, available resources, safety issues for searchers, weather, time estimated to follow the most likely trail to the known destination, etc. If you don't have a known destination, or if a loose horse returned, do you have at least one experienced tracker available to track or back track the horse?
- ◆ **PLAN the search** based on available resources. If circumstances appear to require an immediate preliminary search, key locations to quickly check are the known destination using the most obvious route (stay on the trail!), and to monitor the most likely destinations in case the loose horse and/or rider go there.
 - ◇ Can you **safely** send a team of people out (minimum 2), or should the search wait until daylight? Should the searchers go on foot, by vehicle, or riding? Do you have riders and livestock experienced traveling in that terrain after dark, or in inclement weather, with appropriate gear and equipment to *also* perform a search? What extra gear or supplies should you send with them? Should you send along an extra saddled mount? A pack animal? **Remember the more new hoof prints there are on that trail, the harder it will be to track the overdue rider later!**
 - ◇ **Prioritize search missions.** Everyone deployed—even to monitor elsewhere—is considered a searcher. Are all aware of the critical importance of spotting and protecting possible **CLUES** found on the trail and at monitoring locations? (On the trail, flag and protect any found clue, note the latitude and longitude or triangulate an approximate location to report to SAR management.)
 - ◇ **Coordinate** communications and rendezvous plans **before** deployment. Keep a record of what searchers are assigned where, and other pertinent information to share with SAR management. Leave at least 2 people (buddy system) at the initial rendezvous point, or an obvious note for the overdue person to stay there until you return. Can you safely leave a method of communication and some basic supplies?

LOST PERSON or LOST RIDER?

- ◆ Did the horse come back without the rider?
 - ◇ If so, the rider may be injured.
 - ◇ Definitely he/she is on foot.
 - ◇ Any **CLUES** from the horse's direction of travel, or condition of the horse or tack?
 - ◇ Where is the closest "help" destination for the overdue rider?
- ◆ Are horse and rider **both** missing?
 - ◇ The horse might still bring the lost rider back to ... where?
 - ◇ The rider, horse, or both could be injured.
 - ◇ The horse may have a problem resulting in the rider hiking to ... where?
 - ◇ Horse and rider may be separated.
 - ◇ The rider may be looking for his/her horse.
 - ◇ A loose horse may return to ... where?



The horse is a search partner. The horse is indicating someone or something is straight ahead. Pay attention!

Searchers look for **CLUES**! Hoof prints, boot prints, small or large items that may/may not belong to the overdue person, etc. *A trained professional can see what the untrained eye won't see.* **Don't trample those clues!**

NEVER put others in jeopardy! Search team of up to 4 people. For safety, all searchers must be appropriately skilled, equipped, and experienced in that terrain. **You don't want any missing searchers!**

When searching, be alert for **CLUES**. Continue to try to contact that person using communications devices, shouting his/her name, blowing a whistle, etc. **Make NOISE, then LISTEN and LOOK!**



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BCHCSJSU SHIRTS

On the trails we work and ride we share the trail with others, that at times have trouble seeing us because of shadows and various modes of transportation used, especially in non wilderness designated areas.

For that reason your unit board of directors has made this shirt available for safety on trail rides and work parties as well as a way to promote our unit and its activities.

Order you BCHCSJSU Trail Work/Riding Shirt

To order call Gary Van Sickle with size and quantity.

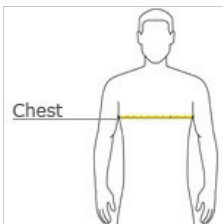
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Make checks payable to BCHCSJUS and send to:

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HOW TO MEASURE



CHEST
 Measure under the arm and around the fullest part of the chest with arms down, keeping tape horizontal.

SIZE CHART

| | S | M | L | XL | 2XL | 3XL | 4XL | 5XL |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Chest | 34-36 | 38-40 | 42-44 | 46-48 | 50-52 | 54-56 | 58-60 | 62-64 |

**Backcountry Horsemen
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**MAIL TO: BCHC
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1280 State Rt. 208
Yerington NV 89447**

**MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION**

PARENT UNIT AFFILIATION: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)

New **Renewal**
 Change

(indicate change)

| | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Kern Sierra | <input type="checkbox"/> North Bay | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana River |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Sierra | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake-Mendo | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Crest | <input type="checkbox"/> Sequoia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Country | <input type="checkbox"/> Los Padres | <input type="checkbox"/> Redshank Riders | <input type="checkbox"/> Shasta Trinity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Sierra | <input type="checkbox"/> Mid Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Redwood | <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Freepackers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kern River Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother Lode | <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego | <input type="checkbox"/> Sutter Buttes |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin Sierra | <input type="checkbox"/> Top of the State |

DCTR (your Membership)

MEMBER'S NAME – No Business Names, Print Clearly SPOUSE/Co-MEMBER'S NAME – MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Street Address/PO Box

City _____ State _____ Zip Code (full 9 digits if known) _____ Area Code _____ Phone number _____

Email Address: _____ (please print legibly)

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (tax deductible) \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No. _____

Parent Unit Membership Types (Check one)

Individual \$50 Family \$60 2 Year Individual \$90 2 Year Family \$110 3 Year Individual \$125 3 Year Family \$150

Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15 – Benefactor \$100 – Patron \$250 – Mt. Whitney \$500

Associate Memberships: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to your Parent Unit Dues

Associate Memberships Unit Affiliations MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT

Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/Unit
Unit Name (from above list)

Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/Unit
Unit Name (from above list)

Add additional choices here

Please clip form along dashed line and keep the below portion for your records

Parent BCHC Membership Types

Individual, Family, (Shared*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt. Whitney

A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit. BCHC members may NOT hold more than ONE active Parent Membership.

*A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names who share a common address.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at bchcalifornia.org or call (775) 463-3634

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a new -

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership | \$ 60.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) | \$ 15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual | \$ 90.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family | \$110.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual | \$125.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family | \$150.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership | \$250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney Membership | \$500.00 |

On that form, I also requested:
 _____ Associate Memberships \$ _____
 My Total Remittance: \$ _____
 My Check Number: _____
 Date Mailed: _____

Verification of BCHC membership

is available via (1) BCHC unit president's reports (2) BCHC membership chair reports (3) a self-addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form or (4) a valid email address




Big Meadows Horse Camp Sponsors



Your unit pays the cost of maintaining and hosting the Big Meadows horse camp. We are seeking sponsors (8) in total that will be exclusive to the Business/Industry type. Sponsorships are \$500 each per calendar year. Sponsors will be advertised on our web page, our facebook page, at the camp, and in our monthly newsletter. Please show your support to these sponsors. If you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor please contact Joe Kaminski at (559) 909-0505. If interested in being a camp host for this season, contact Jim Knabke at (559) 779-4715.



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Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman of California

From the BCHC Bylaws

- To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.
- To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.
- To keep the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horseman on all public lands.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legis-lation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
- To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.
- To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.
- To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the back-country and to help educate backcountry users on the ways to use the trail and foraged in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources.
- To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.
- To promote a working relationship with and keep the work and interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.
- To assist in the formation and continuation of local Units to carry out these purposes.